

**INITIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT FAX SHEET OF RECEIPT OF DEFECT INFORMATION
REPORT SUBMITTED UNDER 49 CFR PART 573**

Assigned Recall No. 99V-128.001 by the
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

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Part 573 Report Date: April 29, 1999

MANUFACTURER: Western Star Trucks, Inc.

MANUFACTURER CONTACT: Mr. Stephen A. Scott, Compliance Engineer

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SUBJECT: 4 Western Star trucks assembled with SKF Level 2 truck hub units (THU) received from Meritor between February 1996 and January 1998. Fatigue cracking of these hubs can result in wheel separation.

This is an **initial** acknowledgment for this recall. A formal acknowledgment letter will be forthcoming shortly. After our review of your report and associated documents, we may have additional comments or concerns.

As stated in your report, owner notification began May 3, 1999. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due in this office by July 30, 1999.

If you have any questions, please call:



Patricia Wallace, Recall Analyst on (202) 366-5232 or
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Dear Mr. Moore:

We have reviewed Western Star Trucks, Inc.'s (Western Star) Defect Information Report dated April 29, 1999, submitted in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573, "Defect and Noncompliance Reports." This recall involves an 4 Western Star trucks assembled with SKF Level 2 truck hub units (THU) received from Meritor between February 1996 and January 1998. Fatigue cracking of these hubs can result in wheel separation. The assigned recall identification number for this recall is 99V-128.001.

Western Star is responsible for the remedy of these vehicles from this date forward, regardless of vehicle age, mileage, or ownership.

Quarterly Status Reports

As stated in Part 573.6, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. As stated in your report, owner notification began May 3, 1999. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due in this office by July 30, 1999.

Recall Communications

Communications pertaining to safety recalls and issued by Western Star to more than one distributor, dealer, purchaser, or owner are to be submitted to this office within 5 days of issuance as described under 49 CFR Part 573.5(c)(9). Where this information is sent over a period time, the communications are to be submitted within 5 days from the date the communications were first sent, and furnish the date, or range of dates, each communication was issued. This includes information transmitted by computer, telefax, or other electronic means; and initial or interim communications. All copies are to be in readable form and a written transcript should be provided for each non-written communication. Also, if the communication was not nationally and uniformly distributed, then identify the criteria used for the distribution.

Manufacturer Communications

Part 573.8, "Notices, Bulletins and Other Communications," requires that every motor vehicle or motor vehicle equipment manufacturer shall furnish a copy of **all notices, bulletins, and other communications (including warranty and policy extension communiques and product improvement bulletins)** to manufacturers, distributors, dealers, or purchasers, regarding any defect in its vehicle or items of equipment (including any failure or malfunction beyond normal deterioration in use, any failure of performance, or any flaw or unintended deviation from design specifications), **whether or not such defect is safety related**. These notices or communications are to be submitted, regardless of the media used to transmit the information. Where communications are made orally or electronically, provide a transcript. In all other cases, provide the information in the media form used to transmit the information. On a case by case basis, we may require written transcripts of this material as well. Copies are to be submitted monthly, not more than 5 working days after the end of each month.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Pat Wallace at (202) 366-5232 or fax at (202) 366-7882.

Sincerely,

/s/

Jonathan D. White, Chief
Recall Analysis Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Safety Assurance